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Regional city consumer price indexes measure price changes from one time period to another within specific cities. While the C.P.I.'s indicate movements of prices in each city, they do not reflect price level differences between cities.

Consumer price indexes advanced in all regional cities between July and August with increases ranging from 0.7%, in Toronto and Vancouver, to 2.6% in St. John's. The food index rose in all centres, reflecting generally higher prices for pork, eggs, sugar and restaurant meals. Higher shelter costs for both owned and rented accommodation as well as increased premiums for automobile and household insurance were also contributing factors in the advances recorded. Other notable contributors were higher gasoline prices in certain provinces, increased air fares and higher movie admission charges.

In Edmonton the All-Items Index rose to 135.3 on the revised base of 1971=100. This represents an advance of 1.4% from July to August 1975 and an increase of 11.6% from August 1974. The main contributors to this increase were automobile operation costs, particularly gasoline and insurance; shelter costs; and food, especially pork products and restaurant meals.

The All-Items Index for Calgary now stands at 137.3, up 1.5% from July, and 11.8% from August 1974. The same factors as in Edmonton led the advance, with household insurance also contributing.

TABLE 1

Consumer Price Indexes for Edmonton

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1971 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per Cent Change	
	August 1975	August 1975 from	
		July 1975	August 1974
All-Items	139.0	1.4	11.6
Food	161.1	1.3	12.6
Food for home consumption	162.4	1.1	13.2
Dairy products (incl. butter)	164.4	0.4	27.2
Cereals and bakery products	165.7	1.8	19.6
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	142.6	-9.5	-1.7
Meat, poultry and fish	165.3	4.0	6.0
Eggs	174.6	11.6	3.3
Fruits and vegetables (1)	165.7	-4.0	21.0
Frozen food (1)	131.2	-0.5	7.4
Prepared and part. prepared dishes and snacks (1)	237.9	-2.0	15.6
Other food (1)	164.1	2.4	8.9
Beverages (1)	137.7	-2.1	15.3
Food away from home	153.9	2.1	10.3
Housing	132.8	1.0	11.9
Shelter	127.1	1.3	9.7
Household operation	141.4	0.6	15.4
Clothing	125.9	0.1	3.6
Women's wear	122.0	0.2	1.6
Men's wear	128.9	-0.1	4.8
Children's wear	116.5	0.0	5.6
Footwear	132.4	0.1	2.6
Piece goods and notions	116.6	-0.3	-0.8
Clothing Services	138.2	0.0	16.2
Transportation	139.9	6.3	15.8
Private transportation	135.4	4.9	16.5
Public transportation (1)	125.6	1.2	12.1
Health and personal care	128.7	0.9	12.6
Recreation, education & reading	127.7	0.6	7.9
Tobacco and alcohol	127.4	0.3	15.6

(1) April 1973 = 100

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TABLE 2

Consumer Price Indexes for Calgary

Main Groups and Selected Components, Not Seasonally Adjusted

(1971 = 100 unless otherwise noted)

	Indexes	Per Cent Change	
	August 1975	August 1975 from	
		July 1975	August 1974
All-Items	137.3	1.5	21.8
Food	135.3	0.8	11.1
Food for home consumption	156.6	0.6	10.7
Dairy products (incl. butter)	165.8	0.0	27.4
Cereals and bakery products	135.9	0.0	16.8
Fats and oils (excl. butter)	166.3	-1.8	9.9
Meat, poultry and fish	131.9	0.9	1.6
Eggs	166.1	4.1	4.1
Fruits and vegetables (1)	137.9	0.1	13.4
Frozen food (1)	135.4	-1.2	7.1
Prepared and part. prepared dishes and snacks (1)	163.2	-1.8	14.9
Other food (1)	173.2	2.5	11.0
Beverages (1)	140.0	-1.1	17.3
Food away from home	165.8	1.5	12.8
Housing	126.9	1.0	12.7
Shelter	121.2	1.3	11.3
Household operation	135.4	0.7	14.9
Clothing	179.9	0.3	6.6
Women's wear	126.3	0.0	4.8
Men's wear	130.7	0.6	6.1
Children's wear	122.4	0.8	7.8
Footwear	134.2	0.4	4.6
Piece goods and notions	117.5	0.5	2.5
Clothing Services	162.4	0.0	22.4
Transportation	139.6	5.4	16.1
Private transportation	138.5	6.1	16.4
Public transportation (1)	137.2	1.3	13.8
Health and personal care	138.9	1.4	12.4
Recreation, education & reading	125.8	0.3	7.5
Tobacco and alcohol	127.9	0.4	13.3

(1) April 1973 = 100